

~Bank Notes~

FOOD BANK OF EAST ALABAMA

February 2026

CHURCH OR 501(c)(3)?

As you know, one of the key advantages of being an agency partner with the Food Bank of East Alabama is the access to resources provided through our collaboration with Feeding America. This partnership enables us to maintain vital relationships with national donors which are essential for addressing the hunger in our communities.

To ensure compliance with Feeding America, it is imperative that we partner with eligible organizations only. According to the Food Bank's contract, organizations eligible to receive and distribute donated products must fall into one of the following categories:

- a public charity
- a church

Public charity refers to a nonprofit organization that is tax-exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code. When agencies apply for membership with the Food Bank, they are required to provide documentation to verify their eligibility either as a church or tax-exempt nonprofit. If this status is ever revoked, the agency is no longer eligible to be a food bank agency.

Every year, the Food Bank conducts an audit of our agencies that includes verifying the qualifying status. Revoking the agency status is often due to administrative oversight where the necessary tax documentation was not submitted to the IRS for three consecutive years. When we find that an agency no longer has this status, we notify the agency so that the issue can be resolved.

If you are uncertain about how to verify your agency's 501(c)(3) status, you can visit the IRS website at <https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos>

And remember.....we are here to help if you need it!



Agency Monthly Report Now Available Online!

This quick and convenient option makes reporting easier than ever while saving time and paper.



How to complete your report:

1. Visit foodbankofeastalabama.com/agency-partners/forms
2. Click **Online Agency Monthly Report—NEW** and enter your agency's information and data.
3. Click **Submit** at the bottom of the form. Your report will be sent directly to the Food Bank.

It's as easy as 1-2-3!

Pre-Packed Family Boxes

A great resource for our agencies

Recently the Food Bank purchased pre-packed Family Boxes ready for distribution. The boxes weigh 31 pounds, contain a variety of staple foods, and the cost per box is only \$5.58. This is an easy, economical way for food pantries to distribute food to people they serve.



Family Meals Food Boxes Item# 999550A

Quick Oats (1) / Cereal Bowls (5)
32 oz. Milk (1)
Pancake Mix (2)
10.5 oz. Soup Entrees (3)
Pasta (1) / Spaghetti Sauce 15 oz. (2)
Pouched Skillet Dinner 5.6 oz. (1)
Rice 2 lbs. (1) / Canned 15.5 oz. Beans (2)
Canned 15 oz. Fruit (3)
15 oz. Entrees (6)
Tuna (1) / Chunk Chicken (1)
Canned 15 oz. Vegetables (4)

Packaged by:
Project Preserve
Second Harvest Food Bank of
Middle Tennessee

Best By: August 2026

FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 [CLOSED] For Presidents' Day	17 Agency Orientation @ 8:45 am	18	19 🥚🥚🥚 You found it! Call us and we'll credit your account \$5.00	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 [CLOSED] For inventory	28



Our Agencies Spend Less & Give More

December 2025

Number of Agencies Shopping:	125
Pounds Distributed:	515,334
Retail Value per FA (\$1.90 per lb.):	\$979,135
Food Bank SMF:	\$23,394
Savings to FBEA Agencies:	\$955,741

Free Apples...

...because good food should be easy to share.

The Food Bank has an abundance of USDA Red Delicious apples. Each case contains twelve 3lb. bags. They're unlimited and free!

How do you like them apples?



Civil Rights Assurance

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, no person shall, the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied, or otherwise subject to discrimination under this program.